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SUBJECT: PLO REPRESENTATIVE IN THESSALONIKI

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1. HABRAMI ALSO CAME TO THESSALONIKI DURING VISIT TO GREECE AT INVITATION OF LOCAL "HELLENIC SOLIDARITY COMMITTEE WITH THE PALESTINIAN STRUGGLE". IN PRESS INTERVIEW PUBLISHED IN SLIGHTLY LEFTIST "THESSALONIKI" HE MADE MANY OF SAME POINTS AS PARAS 8 AND 9 OF REFTEL, BUT PLACED PARTICULAR EMPHASIS ON STRESSING LEGITIMACY OF PLO AND ITS PEACEFUL CHARACTER. IN RESPONSE QUESTION ON PLO USE OF ARMS, HE SAID THAT FOR PLO TO TAKE UP ARMS AT "THIS MOMENT WOULD BE LIKE OUR MEDDLING IN THE INTERNAL AFFAIRS OF OTHER PEOPLES, A THING WHICH IS AGAINST OUR BASIC IDEALS. AND IF WE DID THIS (USE ARMS) IN SOME PAST PHASE OF OUR STRUGGLE, IT WAS TO AWAKEN THE CONSCIENCES OF THE PEOPLE."

2. HABRAMI ALSO ASSERTED THAT ALL THE PEOPLE HE HAD SPOKEN TO IN GREECE SUPPORTED THE PLO AND HAD PROMISED

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TO REQUEST GOG PERMISSION FOR PLO TO OPEN OFFICE IN

ATHENS WITH FULL DIPLOMATIC PRIVILEGES. HE IMPLIED THAT
MAVROS, PAPANDREOU, KANELLOPOULOS, THE TWO COMMUNIST
PARTIES, AND THE EDA WERE AMONG THOSE SUPPORTING
A PLO OFFICE IN ATHENS.

3. WHILE HERE, HABRAMI MET WITH THE PRESIDENT OF
THE THESSALONIKI CITY COUNCIL AND REPRESENTATIVES OF
PASOK, THE TWO COMMUNIST PARTIES AND EDA, AS WELL AS
PALESTINIAN, ARAB AND CYPRIOT STUDENTS. NEGROPONTE

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